

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (cancelled).

Claim 22 (original). A composition for treating a skin disorder, comprising:

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; and

an active ingredient of inorganic ions comprising rubidium and at least one other ion selected from the group consisting of potassium, zinc, and calcium, wherein the composition has a pH of approximately 4-7.

Claim 23 (currently amended). The composition of Claim 22 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is selected from the group consisting of ointments and, creams, hydrogels, alginates, and kerosol.

Claim 24 (currently amended). A method for treating a skin disorder comprising: providing a therapeutic composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an active ingredient of inorganic ions comprising rubidium and at least one other ion selected

from the group consisting of potassium, zinc, and calcium, wherein the composition has a pH of approximately 4-7; and

applying the composition to the skin;

wherein the skin disorder is selected from the group consisting of psoriasis, impetigo, Kaposi sarcoma, acne, melanoma, lesions, and gangrene.

Claim 25 (cancelled).